

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

The medical authorities declare that Liverpool is free from the plague. All those who were suspected of suffering from the disease have recovered.

A trust of northern Wisconsin breweries is to be formed with a capital of \$5,500,000. Oshkosh, Appleton, Green Bay, Oconto and Menasha are included.

Owners of asphalt mines at Ravia, Indian territory, has received an order from Germany for 10,000 tons of asphalt to be delivered at Galveston, Tex., for export.

The survey for the extension of the Blackwell, Enid & Southwestern railroad has been completed from Blackwell, Okla., to Coffeyville, Kas. This line is owned by the Frisco.

Judge Tuley, of Chicago, on the 12th, modified his order in the free text book case to allow the city to purchase school-books for children whose parents can not buy them.

According to statistics of the International society of London the sugar production of Europe for 1901 is estimated at 5,923,264 tons, which is an increase of 212,541 tons upon last year's output.

The remains of Maj. Adam Kramer, United States army, retired, who died at Iowa City, a few days before, arrived at Washington, on the 14th, and were interred at Arlington, with full military honors.

The United States government yacht Kanawha, with Gov. Gen. Wood and his party on board, arrived at Kings town, Jamaica, on the 13th, from Santiago de Cuba. Gen. Wood was received by the general commanding the British troops there.

Harry Waring, operator upon a Mergenthaler machine, in the office of the Cripple Creek (Col.) Times-Citizen, on the 10th, established a record, setting 3,403 lines, equal to 86,478 ems in eight hours, the machine speeded to 84 revolutions per minute.

Senator Nevada N. Stranahan, of Oswego, N. Y., received a letter from President Roosevelt, on the 15th, tendering him the position of collector of the port of New York, beginning April 1 next. Mr. Stranahan will accept. He proceeded to Washington to confer with the president.

The Manila chamber of commerce has cabled to President Roosevelt, urging that the Pacific cable be laid, saying that the main object would be an immense increase of the rubber industry of the Philippines, estimated at \$15,000,000, and also economy and the facilitation of business.

Rev. Father Wiczorek, priest at St. Hedegmick's Polish Catholic church, in Toledo, O., whose funeral occurred on the 13th, bequeathed to the parish his entire fortune amounting to nearly \$100,000. It is composed largely of Toledo real estate. The deceased priest came from a noble family in Poland.

Dan Tew, a Mergenthaler Linotype machine operator in the Daily Iowa Capital, in Des Moines, on the 12th, broke the record for speed, setting 3,344 lines of nonpareil in eight hours, newspaper measure, equal to 86,944 ems. Estimating 2 1/2 touches per em, he touched the keyboard 217,360 times.

Information has reached the state department of the arrest in London of S. John Dixon, who is wanted in Wheaton, Wash., for alleged bank robbery. The government of Washington has been notified, and upon the arrival of his application in Washington, the necessary papers will be issued to secure the extradition of Dixon.

John H. Joyce, former president of the Stoughton (Wis.) national bank, who was arrested in Chicago for the alleged defalcation of \$40,000, declared, on the 13th, that he had been in constant communication with the directors of the bank during his two years' absence, and that he worked with them in an endeavor to straighten out the affairs of the institution.

The secretary of the interior has taken cognizance of the situation at San Carlos Indian reservation in Arizona, to the extent of directing the agent for the Indians on that reservation to notify territorial and county officers that the department expects them fully to protect peaceable Indians, while legitimately engaged in work on the roads in that vicinity.

An anarchist meeting in London, to "commemorate the legal murder of the Chicago anarchists," which had been called for the night of the 12th, was prohibited by the police, who were stationed at the various entrances to the hall in Clerkenwell, London, and sent away hundreds that came to attend the proceedings. Prince Kraptokin Malatesta and Louise Michel were among the promoters.

One of the strangest accidents of the hunting season occurred at Stevenson, Mich., on the 13th. George Shephardson shot a deer, and the bullet, passing through its body, hit a tree, glanced off and struck William Everhardt, first going through his wrist. It then hit his gunstock, glanced up and entered his mouth through his cheek, lodging in his neck. The wound is a serious one.

In view of the obstacles placed in the way of Consul-General Dickinson by the Bulgarian authorities, regarding the ransom of Miss Stone, Spencer Eddy, secretary of the United States legation, visited M. Gueschoff, the Bulgarian agent in Constantinople, on the 14th, and made strong representations in which he urged that Gueschoff telegraph his government to end the unsatisfactory state of affairs in a speedy solution of the matter.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Robert Moore, a bondholder in the New Orleans Water Works Co., on the 14th, made application in the United States circuit court before Judge Fargar, for a receiver for that company. The court named Frank Howard receiver.

Gov. Jenkins of Oklahoma appointed William Quinlan, of Wynoka; W. A. Knipe, of Perkins, and Geo. H. Brett, of Ponca City, as delegates to represent Oklahoma at the National Live Stock convention in Chicago, December.

Brig-Gen. Robert H. Hall was placed on the retired list of the army, on the 14th, by operation of law on account of age. He was born in Michigan and appointed to the army from Illinois.

Judge J. G. Swinnerton, a well-known lawyer and orator, died at Stockton, Cal., on the 14th. He was the father of James Swinnerton, the well-known newspaper artist.

B. A. Palmer, a retired banker of New York, has made a gift of \$30,000 to the Union Christian college, located at Merom, Ind.

An Amsterdam dispatch of the 14th said that the condition of Queen Wilhelmina, who is confined to her bed through premature accouchment, was normal. Her physicians, however, prescribed absolute repose. Her mother has been summoned by telegraph.

Joseph D. Keith was hanged at the Michigan City (Ind.) penitentiary at 12:11 a. m. of the 15th, for the murder of Nora Kiefer. Before his execution Keith made a confession of his guilt.

The final draft of the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty in abrogation of the Bulwer-Clayton agreement and providing for American control of the proposed interoceanic canal has been completed by Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote, and its text was telegraphed to the foreign office in London on the 14th.

The financial report of the Pan-American Exposition Co., made by the auditor, on the 14th, shows the total liabilities of the company at that time to be \$3,326,114 net, assuming that the assets of \$146,454 are collectable at face.

A severe snow storm prevailed in central New York on the 14th. Country roads were, in some instances, blocked, and huge drifts piled up along the fences. In Syracuse sleighs were running and the trolley car service was temporarily demoralized.

Fire, followed by an explosion, in the Italy mine, at Poehontons, Va., on the 14th, resulted in the known death of nine persons and the injuring of seven or more. Several other persons were unaccounted for.

A report has been made by the special agent appointed by Gov. Stanley to gather statistics on the subject of prairie dogs in Kansas. In the 67 counties covered by the report it is shown that 1,224,554 acres of land are occupied by prairie dog towns.

Fire, on the night of the 14th, cleaned out the Pankratiz Lumber Co.'s yard, at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., which contained many thousand feet of lumber belonging to the Milwaukee Lumber Co., and a large quantity of shingles, the property of the Pankratiz company; loss, \$40,000.

The attention of Russel Sage having been called, on the 14th, to a twice-repeated story of his death, the famous financier quoted Mark Twain by asserting that the reports were, at least, premature.

On the 15th, R. G. Dun & Co. reported: "Failures for the week number 215 in the United States, against 217 last year, and 27 in Canada, against 33 last year."

Gen. Palavicini, formerly aide-de-camp to the late King Humbert, of Italy, died in Rome on the 15th.

Secretary Gage, on the 15th, purchased \$857,300 of short-term bonds.

Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson has been detached from duty at the bureau of construction and repair and detailed to duty in connection with the management of the government naval exhibit at the Charleston (S. C.) exposition.

Fire broke out in the canning building of the Cudahy packing establishment at Kansas City, Mo., on the 15th, destroying that building, with the large stock of canned meats that it contained. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Two special trains, bearing 232 head of blooded horses, raised on the Ritter Root stock farm of the late Marcus Daly, left Helena, Mont., on the 16th for New York. The horses will be sold at the Madison Square garden. These are the last horses that will be sold from the ranch, all blooded animals having been shipped away.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, on the 15th, showed: Available cash, balances, \$17,017,610; gold, \$109,505,856.

Mayor-elect Seth Low, of New York, went to Washington, on the 15th, at the invitation of President Roosevelt, and will be a guest at the White House during his stay there.

George Zollunhoffer, a receiving teller of the Williamsburg (N. Y.) savings bank, has confessed that he and Harry E. Corbett, former paying teller, who died November 2, had used \$80,000 of the bank's funds in stock speculations. The bank is protected by ample bonds.

Four masked highwaymen who approached the scene of their bold robbery mounted on horses, held up the cashier's office at the Chicago American barns on the night of the 15th, defied six men, who fought to frustrate the crime, and secured \$200 in money.

When the Fifty-seventh congress meets next month, it will contain no members of the populist party in the senate. Neither will there be any free silver republicans, but the lines will be strictly drawn between the two old parties.

A. J. Funkhouser, of Jacksonville, Ill., killed himself, on the 15th, by shooting through the head. He had been for four years, purchasing agent at the State deaf and dumb institution, but recently lost his place. Depondency was the supposed cause.

The savings from 45 years of active service in the United States navy have been eaten up by the expenses of the inquiry by which Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley hopes to clear his record as a naval officer, besmirched by a navy yard clerk posing as a historian.

The famous Camp Bird mine at Ouray, Col., has probably been sold to the Venture corporation, of London, owners of Stratton's Independence mine at Cripple Creek. The price is given as \$7,000,000. Negotiations had been pending for months.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, on the 15th, printed an undated letter, received by the husband of Miss Stone, stating that she and Miss Stone were then alive and well, and expected to be released shortly.

Rev. Charles H. Brent, of the Episcopal church of St. Stephen, Boston, has announced that he would accept the bishopric of the Philippine islands, to which he was chosen by the general Episcopal convention recently in session at San Francisco.

The trial of the case against C. H. Alexander, the Dallas (Tex.) capitalist, growing out of the killing of Maj. I. G. Randle on December 19, 1898, came to a sudden termination on the 15th. The jury, upon instructions of Judge Clint, brought in a verdict of acquittal.

The business portion of Newkirk the county seat of Kay county, Okla., was destroyed by fire, on the night of the 15th, entailing a loss of \$60,000. The fire was caused by the explosion of gasoline in a restaurant. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The San Francisco Call of the 17th printed an uncorroborated story from Skagway, Alaska, under date of November 6, telling of the discovery of what is alleged to be a huge conspiracy existing in Dawson, and ramifying to Skagway, Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle, for the overthrow of the local government of the Northwest Territory and the establishment of a republic with Dawson as its capital.

The first safe blowers to receive sentences since the recent series of bank robberies in Iowa began, were Frank Riley, Carl Van Gordon and Thomas Williams, all of whom Judge Kelly, of Charles city, Ia., on the 17th, sentenced to two years each in the penitentiary. It is believed this will put a quietus on bank robberies for some time.

The election disturbances in Galway, Ireland, growing out of the campaign in which Horace Plunkett, a unionist, is opposing Col. Arthur Lynch, who served with the Second Irish brigade on the Boer side in the South African war, were renewed on the 17th. One man was stabbed, and it is feared, fatally injured.

Charles A. Conant, special commissioner of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad's charge of 25 cents for transporting passengers across its bridge over the Missouri river. The federal court holds that the bridge corporation is a citizen of Kansas.

Conflicts resulting in much bloodshed are reported to have occurred between Mussulmans and Christians at Beyrout. Similar reports have been received from Southern and Albania. The military commander in Albania has resigned on finding pacification impossible.

On the 17th, \$1,500 worth of jewelry was stolen in broad daylight from the home of Mrs. Mary Crandall, of No. 4200 Westminister place, St. Louis. The greater part of the loss represents heirlooms which Mrs. Crandall cherished at far above their intrinsic value.

Two death were recently certified in Odessa as due to the bubonic plague. The health authorities took vigorous precautions against the spread of the disease, and no further cases have been reported.

The Spanish senate, on the 17th, passed a bill prohibiting silver coinage.

Another cablegram received from the United States consul general, Mr. Dickinson, at Sofia, on the 18th, indicated that while Miss Stone had not yet been ransomed, there was reason for feeling reassured as to her future. The dispatch furnished evidence that Mr. Dickinson remained in indirect communication with the brigands or their agents.

The farmhouse of John Zwiske, in the town of La Gladow, Wis., was destroyed by fire, on the 17th, and three children, ranging from three months to five years, were burned to death. The mother had been a quarter of a mile away for water, and before she returned the house was in ruins.

The army in the Philippines is taking precautions against the spread of tuberculosis. Copies of a circular recently issued at the headquarters of the division of the Philippines absolutely prohibits the practice of spitting on the floors or walls of buildings under military control.

Eight well-attended meetings of the unemployed were held in Berlin, on the 18th, to discuss the present business depression, the lack of employment and possible remedies for these conditions. The meetings were addressed by socialist members of the reichstag.

At Lembourg, an Austrian officer named Stilling, after suffering four years' imprisonment on a charge of treason in supplying to Russia the plans of an Austrian fortress, obtained a reversal of his conviction and succeeded in establishing his innocence.

A dispatch from Barcelona, on the 18th, said: "There have been renewed disturbances by students in Barcelona, and the rector of the university has been summarily dismissed. The university has been closed for the time being."

Surgeon-General Wyman of the marine hospital service, on the 19th, received cablegram from Passed Assistant Surgeon Thomas, at Liverpool, saying that that city had been officially declared free from plague.

Lord Kitchener, cabling to the British war office, on the 18th, from Pretoria, reported that since November 7, the British columns had killed 13 and wounded 46 Boers, and that 297 had been taken prisoners.

Mrs. Victoria Woodhull-Martin announces that the Humanitarian Magazine, published in London, will cease with the December number.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Recent Deaths.

Hans Lawther, one of the oldest citizens of Callaway county. He had been connected with the business interests of Fulton county for half a century, and accumulated quite a fortune. He was born in Ireland in 1813, and located at Fulton in 1835.

Arthur Sutton McGowan, one of Sedalia's most prominent citizens and business men, aged 82. He was a native of Trumbull county, O., and in 1873 located at Warsaw, Benton county, and engaged in the drug business, removing, in 1891, to Sedalia.

George Schoers, aged 75, at St. Joseph. In 1853 he established the first plow factory in that part of the state. Several sons, who are prominent business men, survive.

Col. George W. Trigg, aged 55, at his home in Richmond, after a lingering illness. Col. Trigg was formerly president of the Missouri Press association, had been prominent in Missouri politics, and was a well-known temperance advocate.

Thanksgiving Proclamation. Gov. Dockery issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, on the 11th, the shortest ever issued from the Missouri executive department. It follows:

The president of the United States, in accordance with long-established and appropriate custom, having designated Thursday, November 28, 1901, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, I, therefore, respectfully request the people of Missouri to observe the day, and return thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed upon our country during the 12 months past.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Missouri. Done at the City of Jefferson, this 11th day of November, A. D. 1901.

By the Governor, SAM B. COOK, Secretary of State.

Two Sentenced to Death. Division No. 2 of the Missouri supreme court sentenced Albert Garth to be hanged in Kansas City, and Joshua J. Craft to be hanged in Jefferson City, both on December 20, 1901. Garth is a negro and killed Minnie Woods, with whom he had been living. Craft is a convict in the state penitentiary, who escaped a few years ago, and shot to death Herman S. Pickett, who attempted to arrest him.

Enjoying Good Trade. The bank clearings at St. Louis for the week ended November 15 were \$32,281,598, an increase of 32.5 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year. Kansas City clearings were \$20,065,075, an increase of 16.2 per cent. Kansas City clearings exceed those of Cincinnati, Cleveland, New Orleans or Minneapolis, and are only a few million below Baltimore or San Francisco.

A Citizen of Kansas. The supreme court of the United States overruled the supreme court of Missouri in the case involving the legality of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad's charge of 25 cents for transporting passengers across its bridge over the Missouri river. The federal court holds that the bridge corporation is a citizen of Kansas.

Postal Receipts. The post office department has issued the following statement of the gross postal receipts for October, 1901, as compared with the receipts of October, 1900, at the three largest post offices in the state:

	1901.	1900.	Inc.
St. Louis.....	209,517	191,635	17,882
Kansas City.....	78,886	69,423	9,463
St. Joseph.....	18,741	16,528	2,213

Criminal Commits Suicide. Frank Reed, a notorious character along the Missouri-Arkansas boundary line, killed himself near Poplar Bluff to avoid capture, after he had forced a sheriff's posse to retreat, and after he had been shot twice, once in the head and once through the body.

What the Republic Says. St. Louis Republic, November 16: Notwithstanding his improved health, Senator George G. Vest reiterates his determination to retire from public life at the end of his present term. His friends are again discussing him as a possibility.

Secured a Change of Venue. Mrs. Richardson, accused of having killed her husband at Savannah, has forced a change of venue because of alleged prejudice existing against her in the county where the killing took place.

Largest Mule Dealer in Missouri. Irvine Maddox, the wealthiest man in Callaway county, died a few days ago. He was unmarried, and leaves an estate valued at \$150,000. He was the largest mule dealer in Missouri.

Was Riddled With Buckshot. The body of William Stringer, a miner, was found at Tuskaroo, north of Joplin, torn to pieces by several charges of buckshot. John Guest was arrested.

Young Man Commits Suicide. Willard A. Hackett, a young man about twenty-two years old, committed suicide at his home near Milan by shooting himself through the heart.

She Will Not Hang. Alice Nesenauer, convicted at Hannibal of murdering her husband, and sentenced to hang, has been granted a new trial by the supreme court.

Killed His Wife's Murderer. In an attempt to rob the home of S. S. Cramer, at Joplin, Edward Watkins shot and killed Mrs. Cramer, and was in turn killed by Mr. Cramer.

Murder in McDonald County. In a family row at Simcoe, McDonald county, James Lill shot and killed his brother, Thomas, a merchant. The murderer escaped.

More Than She Could Stand. Elizabeth Kruttschnitt, St. Louis, wants a divorce from Nicholas Kruttschnitt, not because of his name, but because he spit in her face.

Killed by a Falling Tree. George Stott, a farmer, who lived about four miles west of Lebanon, was killed by a falling tree while riding home from town.

Kicked by a Mule. Joe McDaniel, a young farmer, living near Gretna, Saline county, was instantly killed by being kicked over the heart by a mule.

Jesse James' Son Robbed. Thieves entered the home of Jesse James, son of the notorious bandit, in Kansas City, and looted it.

NAVY OF UNITED STATES.

Excerpts From the Annual Report of Secretary of the Navy John D. Long.

NAVY NOW IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

Recent National Expansion Calls for a Larger Naval Establishment. Both in Ships and Men—Recommendations of the General Naval Board.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary of the Navy John D. Long has submitted his annual report to the president. The financial statement shows that appropriations for public works, were \$37,913,406.67. Amounts drawn in fiscal year 1901, \$29,770,255.61. Balance June 30, 1901, \$8,143,151.06.

Recommendations.

The navy to-day is a far greater factor in our relations with the world than it was before the recent national expansion which now includes Porto Rico, the Hawaiian islands, the vast area of land and sea in the Philippines and our obligations to Cuba. If we are to have a navy at all it must be commensurate with these great extensions—greater in international even than in territorial importance. This necessarily involves the construction of more naval vessels, their manning, exercise and maintenance.

The general board, of which the admiral is president, recommends the following increase of the navy:

Four first-class battle ships. Two first-class armored cruisers. Four picket vessels of about 650 tons trial displacement, with a sea speed of 15 knots, with twin screws, carrying a battery of four 6-pounder and two Colt's guns and a complement of 60 officers and men.

Six sheathed and coppered sea-going gunboats of about 1,000 tons trial displacement, with moderate sail power, similar to the Annapolis class.

Six light-draft steel gunboats of about 600 tons trial displacement, for insular service in the Philippine.

Six light-draft steel gunboats of about 200 tons trial displacement, not to exceed six feet draft, for insular service in the Philippines.

Six steel sailing training ships of about 200 tons trial displacement, not to exceed 10,000 tons cargo capacity and a sea speed of 12 knots.

Three thousand enlisted men, in order that they may be enlisted and drilled in preparation for the completion of the ships.

Seven hundred and fifty marines. (This number needed for duty on board ship, and does not include the necessary garrison for posts at home and in our insular possessions.)

An increase of 50 per cent in the number of naval cadets now allowed by law, in order to provide for the increase of officers needed for the ships recommended above.

The board of construction recommends:

Three sea-going battle ships of about 16,000 tons trial displacement. Two armored cruisers of about 14,500 tons trial displacement.

Six gunboats of about 200 tons trial displacement. Six gunboats of about 600 tons trial displacement.

Six gunboats of about 200 tons trial displacement. Two colliers of about 15,000 tons trial displacement.

One repair ship of about 7,500 tons trial displacement. Six training ships of about 2,000 tons trial displacement.

Four picket boats of about 650 tons trial displacement. Four tug-boats.

All the vessels thus recommended are desirable in the prospective and harmonious development of our navy. A larger increase than usual is also desirable, in view of the fact that none was made last year. Some of the vessels above recommended, however, can better than others be omitted for the present from the list and await appropriation hereafter.

Among these are the gunboats of 600 tons displacement, in case the picket boats of similar dimensions are authorized; also the repair ship and a portion of each of the other classes of smaller war vessels. The department therefore recommends:

Three first-class battleships. Two first-class armored cruisers. Three gunboats, each of about 1,000 tons trial displacement.

Three gunboats, each of about 200 tons trial displacement, for insular service. Three picket boats, each of about 650 tons trial displacement.

Three steel sailing training ships, each of about 2,000 tons trial displacement. One collier of about 15,000 tons trial displacement.

Four tugboats. Little Remains to Be Done. London, Nov. 16.—So far as the British government is concerned, all that remains to be done in connection with the isthmian canal is for Lord Pauncefote and Secretary of State Hay to affix their signatures to the treaty.

Stamped Out in Its Incipency. Odessa, Nov. 18.—Two deaths were recently certified in Odessa as due to the bubonic plague. The health authorities took vigorous precautions against the spread of the disease.

Test Was Not Official. Seattle, Wash., Nov. 17.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Bremerton says the torpedo boat Goddard made 27 knots an hour, which is less than the required time, in her trial trip, Friday. The test was not official.

Drowned While Skating. Lowery, Minn., Nov. 18.—Judge Peacock and James Campbell, two young men, were drowned while skating yesterday. Peacock was the only son of a prominent farmer living here.

ATTACKED BY BOLOMEN.

A Detachment of the Ninth Infantry Regal an Assault on the Bolomen in Samar Island.

Manila, Nov. 18.—Company E, of the Ninth infantry, Capt. H. F. Schoeffel, was attacked by 30 bolomen and several insurgents armed with rifles, at a point six miles from Tarangan, in the island of Samar. The insurgents tried to rush the Americans, but failing to accomplish their purpose, they quickly broke and scattered. The men of the Ninth had a corporal and a scout killed and one private wounded. Sixteen of the bolomen were killed, while the riflemen escaped.

Ten Hotchkiss rapid-fire guns will be sent to the southern islands for operations in the mountains.

Capt. Herman Hall, of the Twenty-first infantry, has been scouting for several days in Batangas province. He had four separate engagements with the insurgents there. Judging from the firing on these occasions, Capt. Hall estimates the force of each band of the rebels at from 30 to 50. They made no attempt to charge Capt. Hall's party. Capt. Hall's scout resulted in the capture of one insurgent officer and 50,000 pounds of rice.

Gen. Sumner, commander of the District of Southern Luzon, highly praised Capt. Hartman and his troop of the First cavalry, who last Wednesday morning, attacked 400 insurgents entrenched in rifle pits at Buan, Batangas province, and routed them.

Gen. Sumner says the blow then administered by Capt. Hartman is the most severe the insurgents have suffered since he, Gen. Sumner, assumed command of his district.

Owing to the fact that the United States transports Sheridan, Waldron and Hancock all met with accidents in the inland sea of Japan, and the returning party of visiting congressmen is consequently now delayed in the latter country, the transport Thomas, which arrived at Manila November 12, will be immediately dispatched to Japan.

Gen. Chaffee opposes United States transports in future passing through the inland sea.

NOT AS A PRECEDENT. Mistaken Leniency in the Case of a Priestly Murderer.

Manila, Nov. 18.—The Filipino priest, Deposo, has been sentenced by court-martial to the penalty of death for the murder of certain of his countrymen who favored the Americans. Out of respect, however, to the condemned man's calling and the great religious body to which he belonged, and has most unworthily represented, Gen. Chaffee has commuted his sentence to 20 years' imprisonment. Gen. Chaffee desires it to be understood that the leniency exercised in the case cannot be taken as a precedent, and that no person in the islands can be permitted to plead his office, however sacred and exalted this may be, as protection against punishment for crime committed.

HASTE IS NECESSARY. Time Lost in Negotiations for Reduction of Ransom May Imperil the Life of Miss Stone.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 18.—The brigands who abducted Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, and Mme. Tsilka, her companion, have not yet replied to the latest proposals of Mr. Dickinson, diplomatic agent of the United States in Sofia. This is believed to be due to the fact that the band has many leaders, and that the latter are unable to agree among themselves.

There is a general impression here that time is being frittered away while waiting for the brigands to reduce their demands. It is felt that the only means by which matters can be brought to a head is to inform them as to the sum available for ransom, and to declare that this can not be increased for any consideration whatever. Such an ultimatum might endanger the life of Miss Stone, but it is more probable that the brigands will accept this condition.

Besides, every day's delay imperils her life, not so much on the score of the brigands themselves, but by reason of the exposure and strain she is undergoing.

POSTHUMOUS HONORS. The Empress An Issues an Edict Enjoining the Late Li Hung Chang.

Pekin, Nov. 18.—The empress dowager has issued another edict eulogizing the late Li Hung Chang and ordering the erection of a memorial arch near his birthplace. The edict also directs that the rank of marquis, conferred upon the eldest son of the late Chinese statesman in his own right, shall descend through 23 generations. It confers high rank upon the other sons of Earl Li, upon whom the posthumous rank of marquis has been bestowed, and confers dignities upon his grandsons, together with lucrative offices.

Acquitted of Murder Charge. Dallas, Tex., Nov. 17.—The trial of the case against C. H. Alexander, the Dallas (Tex.)